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The hon. Mr. N. MACMICHAEL :—"The supplementary demands now placed before the House amount to about 33½ lakhs which practically means the whole of the balance available for recurring expenditure. The total available balance for recurring expenditure is only about 44 lakhs and out of this supplementary demands come to 23½ lakhs. It seems to me therefore that the whole matter is being placed before the House."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"May I know whether the Government considered the desirability of the question of the utilization of the released provincial contribution being discussed as a whole? If this course is not adopted, when each demand comes up we cannot raise all the points we would like to raise but would have to confine ourselves to the points relevant to each demand. Therefore I am asking whether the Government cannot give us an opportunity of discussing this whole question involved in the 3½ crores now reduced."

The hon. Mr. N. MACMICHAEL :—"The amount available is not 3½ crores, but only 44 lakhs. This figure of 44 lakhs is arrived at thus: the normal revenue is about 16½ crores. If we deduct from this the temporary remission of 49 lakhs as also our recurring and normal non-recurring expenditure, we get a balance of 44 lakhs only. And the supplementary demands come to 33½ lakhs."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"May I know if the Government made a statement at any stage that the deficit was intended to be wiped off by the expected remission?"

The hon. Mr. N. MACMICHAEL :—"Yes, Sir. I think it is clear from the budget itself."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know from the hon. Member whether he is going to consult this House with regard to the proportion to be given to the various subjects for which money is wanted?"

The hon. Mr. N. MACMICHAEL :—"Yes, Sir. This House will be consulted."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. Member why the Government, in dealing with a large remission like this, has not thought it right to outline a policy of expenditure and consult this House on that policy and then spend the amount instead of spending the amount piecemeal, here, there and everywhere so as to be ineffective for any national purpose?"

The hon. Mr. N. MACMICHAEL :—"It is on the vote of this House that the surplus will be utilized."

*Distribution of the remission from Provincial contribution.*

\* 529 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state how the remission from the Provincial contribution has been distributed among the several departments and what proportion of it was given over to the Transferred half?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 528.